Introduced by Senator Huff

(Coauthor: Assembly Member Portantino)

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An act to add Part 1.95 (commencing with Section 34198) to Division 24 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to redevelopment, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1439, as introduced, Huff. Redevelopment: City of Monrovia. Existing law suspends various activities of redevelopment agencies and prohibits the agencies from incurring indebtedness for a specified period. Existing law also dissolves redevelopment agencies and community development agencies, as of October 1, 2011, and designates successor agencies, as defined.

This bill would exempt the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency from the suspension and dissolution provisions and authorize the agency to continue to exist and carry out redevelopment activities. These provisions would become operative only if a specified provision of law is operative. The bill would make specified findings and declarations that the special legislation contained in the act is necessarily applicable only to the City of Monrovia.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: ²/₃. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

- (a) The creation of regional transportation and jobs for the San Gabriel Valley is of monumental importance to the San Gabriel Valley and Los Angeles County.
- (b) The Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority is charged with extending a regional transit system eastward from Pasadena to the Ontario Airport to alleviate ongoing and compounding traffic congestion and to become more environmentally friendly.
- (c) The extension of the Metro Gold Line light rail from Pasadena to Azusa is Phase 2A, and Phase 2B will extend the Metro Gold Line from Azusa to the Ontario Airport.
- (d) The extension of the Metro Gold Line Phase 2A is projected to generate 7,000 jobs and \$1 billion of economic output during construction.
- (e) The City of Monrovia and its redevelopment agency have negotiated terms for the sale of its property to the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority for the construction of a maintenance and operations facility, which is required for the eastward expansion of the Metro Gold Line Phase 2A.
- (f) Without a maintenance and operations facility, the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority will not receive the necessary funding from the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) to complete the 11.5 mile light rail extension project.
- (g) Without construction of Phase 2A, from Pasadena to Azusa, it would subsequently hinder the progress of Phase 2B from Azusa to the Ontario Airport.
- 30 SEC. 2. Part 1.95 (commencing with Section 34198) is added to Division 24 of the Health and Safety Code, to read:

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PART 1.95. CITY OF MONROVIA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

CHAPTER 1. APPLICATION OF THIS PART

 34198. Notwithstanding any other law, the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency shall be exempt from Part 1.8 (commencing with Section 34161), Part 1.85 (commencing with Section 34170), and any other conflicting law.

34198.1. This part shall become operative only if Part 1.8 (commencing with Section 34161), Part 1.85 (commencing with Section 34170), or any substantially similar legislative enactments are operative.

Chapter 2. Continued Existence of the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency

- 34198.2. Because of the unique transportation obligations of the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency, notwithstanding Part 1.8 (commencing with Section 34161), Part 1.85 (commencing with Section 34170), or any other law, the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency may continue to exist and carry out the provisions of the Community Redevelopment Law (Part 1 (commencing with Section 33000)).
- SEC. 3. The Legislature finds and declares that due to unique circumstances regarding regional transportation projects in the City of Monrovia, a general statute cannot be made applicable within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California Constitution. Therefore, the special legislation contained in Sections 1 and 2 of this act is necessarily applicable only to the City of Monrovia.
- SEC. 4. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to ensure the fiscal integrity of the state, to protect the health and safety of the community in the City of Monrovia, and to complete a regional transportation project and improve public SB 1439 _4_

- 1 infrastructure in Los Angeles County, it is necessary for this act
 2 to take effect immediately.